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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 9 TO
DECEMBER 8, 1975

REF: STATE 189015

1. HONG KONG NOMINATES MR. ANDREW KIN-PONG LEUNG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES. ALSO HAS CIVIL SERVICE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. BORN NOVEMBER 13, 1945, HONG KONG. CHINESE ORIGIN, BRITISH SUBJECT. EDUCATION: GCE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, 1964; HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION, 1966. EMPLOYED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SINCE 1967. NATURE OF PRESENT WORK: ASSISTING WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING WATER, ELECTRICITY, PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION. ENGLISH VERY GOOD. TRAVELLED TO JAPAN, TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES AND BANGKOK AS TOURIST. NEVER VISITED UNITED STATES. MARRIED. NAME CHECK OK.

2. MAJOR INTERESTS RELEVANT TO HONG KONG'S PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ARE TOWN MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. OTHER INTERESTS RELEVANT TO LEUNG'S ROLE INCLUDE LAND AND HOUSING, CULTURAL AND YOUTH RECREATION, URBAN SERVICES, TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FINANCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PUBLIC ORDER AND POPULATION. INDIVIDUALIZED TRAVEL SHOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO LARGE CITIES AS WELL AS SMALLER CITIES.

3. LEUNG HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTING PART OF COST BUT CANNOT YET GIVE FIRM
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ASSURANCE.

4. HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALLOCATION, BUT ASSUME FUNDS AVAILABLE COVER THIS GRANT. ALSO WISH REMIND DEPARTMENT, POST COMMITTED TO AWARDED TRAVEL GRANT TO DR. CHOA AND FULL GRANT TO LEONARD YOUNG.

5. FYI - YUEN LONG IS ONE OF SEVEN DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, POPULATION 130,000. AREA 54 SQ MILES. A FUNCTION OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE IS TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF CONTEMPLATED NEW POLICIES ON THE POPULATION AND, WHEN THEY ARE ADOPTED, TO EXPLAIN THESE POLICIES TO PUBLIC. IT FOSTERS LINKS WITH A VARIETY OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING CLANSMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUTH GROUPS. DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO RENDERS SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT, FOR COMMUNITY AND CITIZEN. AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, LEUNG'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE MANY-FOLD AND HIS DECISIONS ARE INFLUENTIAL. HIS PRESENT POSITION INDICATES HE IN LINE FOR HIGHEST CAREER LEVELS IN HKG. CROS S

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